Compensation for Missing Goods

2286. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount paid by the railways as compensation for the claims of missing/ damaged goods during the last one year;

(b) the amount earned by disposing off the unclaimed goods during the same period;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in regard to persons responsible for loss or damage of goods;

(d) if so, the action taken against the erring persons;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 23.50 crores was paid during the callender year 1991.

(b) Rs. 2.37 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Action is taken against erring railway staff including removal from service, reversion to lower grade, stoppage of increment etc.

(e) Does not arise.

Grants to Aligarh Muslim University

2287. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide grants to the Aligarh Muslim University for the construction of additional hostel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission, the following grants have so far been allocated to Aligarh Muslim University for construction of Hostels during the VIII Five Year Plan:

(i)	Hostels for Men and Women	Rs. 140.00 lakhs
(ii)	Hostel for medical students	Rs. 100.00 lakhs

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Orientation to Computer Education

2288. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High Power Committee set up by the Government regarding orientation to computer education in the country has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main recommendations made by the Committee are as under

(i) Teaching and training establishments should be encouraged to promote commercially viable companies in software applications and training and Computer faculty should also be encouraged to set up their own commercially operated enterprises to provide com puterisation and training

(ii) About Rs 1,000 crores may be provided over a period of three years for setting up of five new Advanced Information Systems Institutes like IITs, upgradation of about 15 existing main centres in the educational institutions to centres for Information Technology and for providing minimum computer facilities in about 100 universities and other teaching centres This investment should be recovered within five years from the beneficiaries-present and potential

(iii) Provide tax benefits for investments in computer facilities as applicable to R & D expenditure

(iv) Introduce a new course – BCA (Computer Applications) and special programmes for the degree holders from other streams

(v) An autonomous Apex Body which will set guidelines for the growth of computer manpower development should be constituted The Apex Body should have an Accreditation Board for Computer Education to safeguard the standards in com puter education

An interim Committee may be constituted immediately till the permanent Apex Body is constituted

(vi) Encourage private institutions cooperative colleges, etc for development of computer manpower with other local or NRI participation

(vii) All the formal computer education should be under the purview of the Ministry of Human Resource De velopment only

(c) The Government is examining the recommendations

Fast Train Between Delhi and Bhubaneswar

2289 SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a super fast train between Delhi and Bhubaneswar/Puri,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Operational and resource constraints

[*Translation*]

World Bank Assistance for Environment and Afforestation Programmes

2290 SHRI BARE LAL JATAV
SHRI M V V S MURTHY
SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state